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- ☐ Petition to extend time to respond
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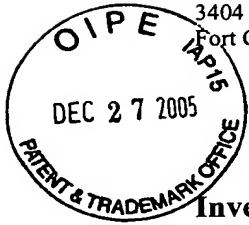
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to Examiner's Office Communication dated November 30, 2005 Applicants respond as follows:

Examiner has identified three distinct inventions:

- I. Claims 1-20, 37-44, and 48-57, drawn to a semiconductor device, classified in class 257, subclass 288;
- II. Claims 21-36 drawn to a method of forming a semiconductor device 438, classified in class 438, subclass 197; and
- III. Claims 45-47 drawn to a method of using a semiconductor device classified in class 257, subclass 288.

Applicants respectfully traverse Examiner's restriction. Applicants believe that the restriction requirement is improper for two reasons. First, Examiner has not established a prima facie case for restricting the claims of the application. Applicants believe that Examiner must provide a reasoned explanation why the inventions as claimed are distinct as well as explaining why the distinct inventions must be restricted on the basis of either a separate classification, a separate status in the art, or a different field of search. Examiner in identifying groups I and III has provided no argument or explanation how these items are independent and distinct as required by 35 U.S.C. 121. Second, Examiner's restriction requirement has not established that an

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undue burden would be required if the restriction requirement either was not issued

with fewer groups. More particularly, MPEP §803 states:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions.

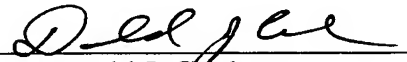
In the present application, no undue burden has been established if each of the claims were examined together. In particular, Examiner has neither indicated nor has given any arguments as to why prosecution of claims 45-47 in class 257, subclass 288 presents any serious burden as required by MPEP §803 when Examiner must search the same class and subclass for claims 1-20, 37-44, and 48-57.

The present restriction requirement not only improperly shifts the Examiner's burden to the Applicants, but also subjects the Applicants to the added financial burden of prosecuting different claims in an unreasonable number of separate proceedings. Applicants respectfully request that Examiner reconsider the current restriction and withdraw this restriction requirement.

Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-20, 37-44, and 48-57, classified in class 257, subclass 288 with traverse.

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